

The amateur radio spectrum in the United States is a licensed service and should remain that way. European FRS-style radios operating in the amateur service illegally should not be tolerated. It seems to be the custom in this country that if rules are difficult to enforce, they're recinded! If US citizens were traveling abroad with out-of-band radios, I am confident that they would be confiscated at the the airport security check-point. We too, should employ those techniques. Further, SIMPLEX frequencies are often monitored and sometimes linked to other amateur outlets. Illegal transmitters would certain create havoc here. I work across from the Liberty Bell and routinely monitor these "illegals". Break-out the monitoring devices in areas of frequent European visitation, like National Parks and attractions and enforce the rules!